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Biographical/Historical Note

After the Louisiana Purchase, it was critical for the newly-acquired lands to be surveyed and explored to determine their usefulness. Organized survey work began in 1810 and continued for many years.

Surveying is the art and science of measuring the land to locate the limits of an owner's interest thereon. A cadastral survey is a survey which creates, marks, defines, retraces or re-establishes the boundaries and subdivisions of Federal Lands of the United States. The survey plat is the graphic drawing of the boundaries involved with a particular survey project, and contains the official acreage to be used in the legal description.

Field notes are the narrative record of the cadastral survey. They are written in tabular format and contain the detailed descriptions of entire survey process including the instrumentation and procedures utilized, calling all physical evidence evaluated in the survey process, and listing all of the individuals who participated in the work.

Scope and Contents

This collection is a series of CDs that include an index, land survey notes, and plats for Arkansas, covering 1815 through 2000.

These records are also available at www.glorecords.blm.gov with digital images and a search function.

Administrative Information

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